

**MINUTES**  
**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES**  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2004**

The State Advisory Council on Libraries convened in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, on November 19, 2004, with Bill Hansen chairing the meeting in Dr. Stu Tobin's absence.

Present were:

Council

Linda Begley  
Marie Gamble  
Bill Hansen  
Kimberly Hartz  
Betty Holmes  
Janet Stith  
Jackie White  
Bill Wilson

KDLA

Jim Nelson  
Charlene Davis  
Judith Gibbons  
Lori Harlan  
Diane Poole  
Kelly Reed  
Christie Robinson

KLA Representative

Linda Kompanik

Education Cabinet

Sally Hamilton

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Bill Hansen welcomed everyone and explained to the Council that Dr. Tobin had a conflict on his calendar today and would not be able to join us for today's meeting. Serving as Acting Chair for the Advisory Council, Bill Hansen called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 20, 2004 MEETING MINUTES**

No changes were made to the August 20, 2004 meeting minutes of the State Advisory Council on Libraries; minutes were approved as distributed.

**EDUCATION CABINET UPDATE**

Sally Hamilton, Chief of Staff for the Education Cabinet, advised the Council that the major focus the Cabinet recently has been working on is refining the Governor's Education Goals. Ms. Hamilton stated that they are trying to develop more details for these goals, even though they are not sure of the budget situation at this time. Ms. Hamilton reported that once the Education Goals are finalized they will be distributed to Agency Heads in the near future.

**KLA REPORT**

Linda Kompanik, newly elected KLA President, gave a report to the Council on some of KLA's most recent activities. KLA had a successful fall conference with the Kentucky School Media Association in September at the Galt House in Louisville, with over 600 in attendance.

Committees are in place and are working on a number of tasks. A new standing committee has been added to include a Recruitment, Mentoring, and Diversity Committee. Reinette Jones, a UK Librarian, is chairing that committee and has been instrumental in the formation of a new roundtable AALERT (African American Librarians and Library Employees Roundtable).

Ms. Kompanik stated that KLA is also in the process of redesigning their website. The new website will have several new features including online membership applications and renewals. They also plan to feature newsletters, policies and procedures, board meeting minutes, and section and roundtable reports on the website. This should allow KLA to save several thousand dollars in printing and postage expenses. The new website should be available after the first of the year.

Advisory Council members were reminded that if you access the Amazon or Barnes & Nobel website, through the KLA access link, a portion of your online purchases comes back to benefit the Kentucky Library Association. The Kentucky Library Association Website is <http://www.kylibasn.org/>.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF CODE OF ETHICS**

The Council received a draft copy of a "Model Code of Ethics for State Board and Commission Members" from the Executive Branch Ethics Commission urging all boards and commissions to implement a code of ethical standards for its members. Bill Hansen asked the State Advisory Council on Libraries if they had any changes or suggestions to the draft presented or if they would like to accept the model as distributed. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Code of Ethics Statement as presented to the Council. Motion carried. Council members then signed and dated the Agreement and those Agreements will be forwarded to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission.

### **DISCUSSION OF HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ISSUES**

Jim Nelson discussed with the Council the priority that Kentucky is placing on health care and the importance of health care related issues in our state. Governor & Mrs. Fletcher have committed to the Get Healthy Kentucky! Initiative, which will address health care related issues facing citizens across the Commonwealth including obesity, heart disease, and other health care related issues.

Bill Wilson, from KET, updated the Council on a grant that KET has been awarded that will focus on health models and best practices in a variety of different topics that will be presented through KET and other venues of distribution. Bill advised the Council that right now KET is still in the planning phase of developing the details for this initiative, but at some point in the future wants to include libraries in the development of this program. Bill explained that right now KET is trying to gather interested parties into the process and they will be hosting a Health Summit later on to begin plotting more detailed strategies.

Suggestions from the Council were to include the need for increased exercise in children and to promote physical education more in schools. Promoting exercise and healthy eating habits ties into the Governor's Get Healthy Kentucky! Initiative and may gain more awareness as that program is promoted. The Education Cabinet would be a great asset to become involved, along with the Department of Education. Janet Stith, with the UK Medical Center, stated that UK would most likely be willing to assist with this project, and a suggestion was also made to contact the county extension agents. The Council also made a suggestion to consider mental health issues as part of the health concerns that will be addressed in this project.

The State Advisory Council seemed very interesting in participating with this project, and may form a Special Health Workgroup when more details and specifics become known.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Kelly Reed advised the Council that planning has already begun for the second Public Awareness Leadership Institute, which will take place sometime next year. The first Public Awareness Leadership Institute was very successful in assisting library directors, library staff, and trustees into promoting the importance of libraries in their local communities. These sessions are directly sponsored in funding from the Library Services and Technology Act.
- The Field Services Division is helping libraries across the state celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kentucky Bookmobile Program. Each bookmobile in Kentucky will have a special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary magnet placed on their bookmobile. Advisory Council members were given special lapel pins commemorating this anniversary.
- Diane Poole distributed a copy of the LSTA Annual Program Summary and Competitive Subgrant Information. This document reports what federal funding has been spent at this time for each LSTA project and subgrant.
- Bill Hansen would like the Council to be thinking about the possibility of the establishment of a 24/7 virtual reference desk. Bill reported that the concept of the 24/7 virtual reference desk is beginning to gain popularity in other states and around the world. This is a project that might be able to be funded with LSTA dollars and reference questions could be routed to different areas of the world to overcome time zone problems.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the State Advisory Council on Libraries will be on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the KDLA Board Room.